(v) Patrolling by own security forces and Central Industrial Security Forcc(CISF). (vi) Intejligence collection and close liaison with District

authority, (vii) Whenever illegally mined coal and implements of illegal mining are seized during the course of raids, the same is handed over to local police and FIR lodged.

Shortage of raw material supplied by NALCO

293. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that hundreds of small scale industrial units manufacturing aluminium utensils, are facing difficulties due to irregular and inadequate supply of raw material by National Aluminium Company (NALCO);

(b) if so, the reasons for inadequate supply of raw material by NALCO; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to ensure regular and adequate supply of raw material by NALCO to the utensil manufacturing units in order to save them from closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) In view of the BALCO strike during March, 2001 to May, 2001, there was no production of aluminium metal in BALCO. This caused shifting of demand of BALCO metal to other primary producers including NALCO leading to relatively higher demand compared to supply. As a result, NALCO resDrted to rationing of despatches of metal to its customers during 14.6.2001 to 4.10.2001. However, as of now there is no irregular and inadequate supply of aluminium metal by NALCO to its customers.

(c) Docs not arise.